

**IDENTIFYING WITH**

**L A Y E R S**

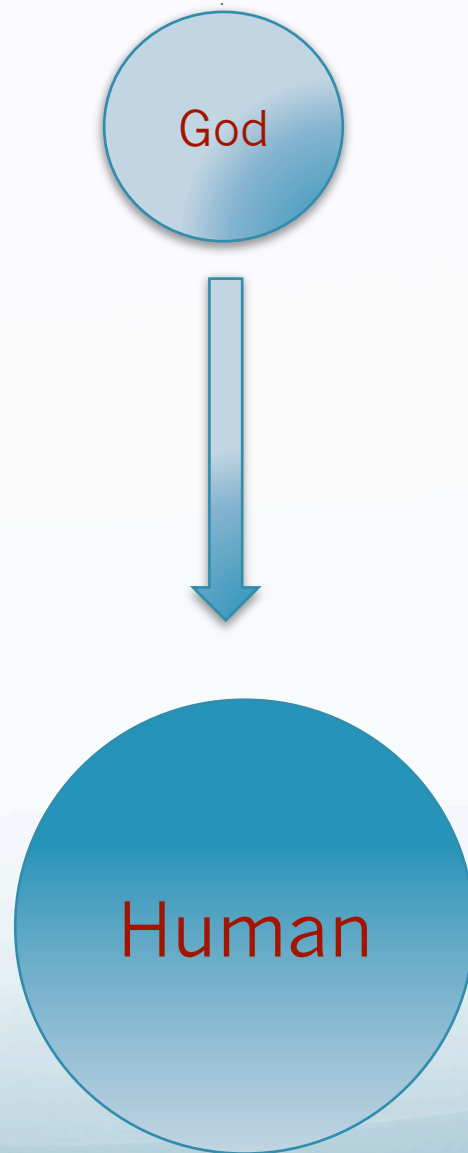
**OF ISLAMIC IDENTITY**

by

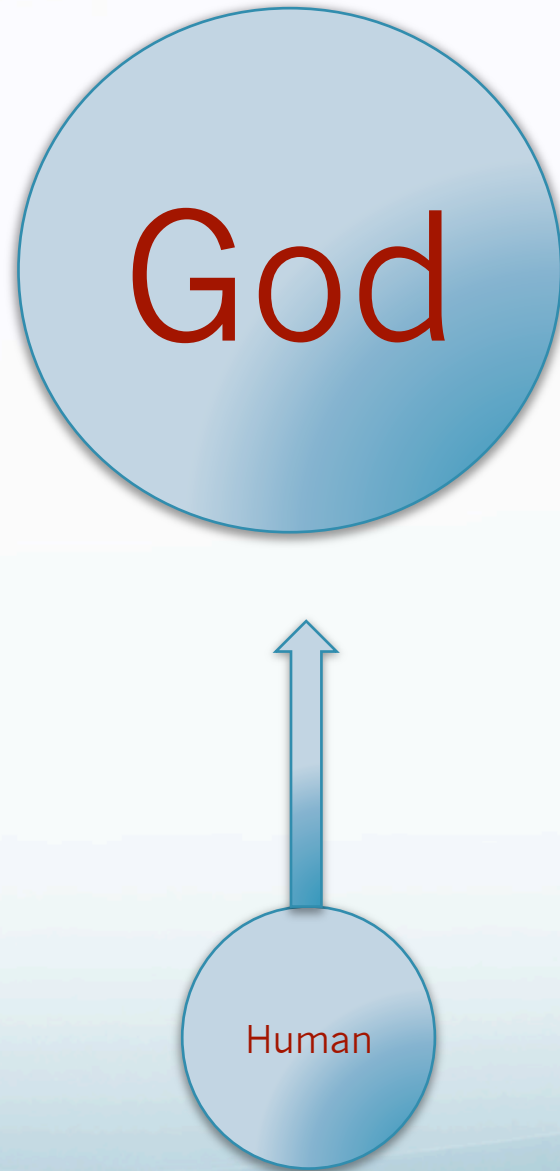
**Zaman Stanizai**

**Visit [Stanizai.org](http://Stanizai.org)**

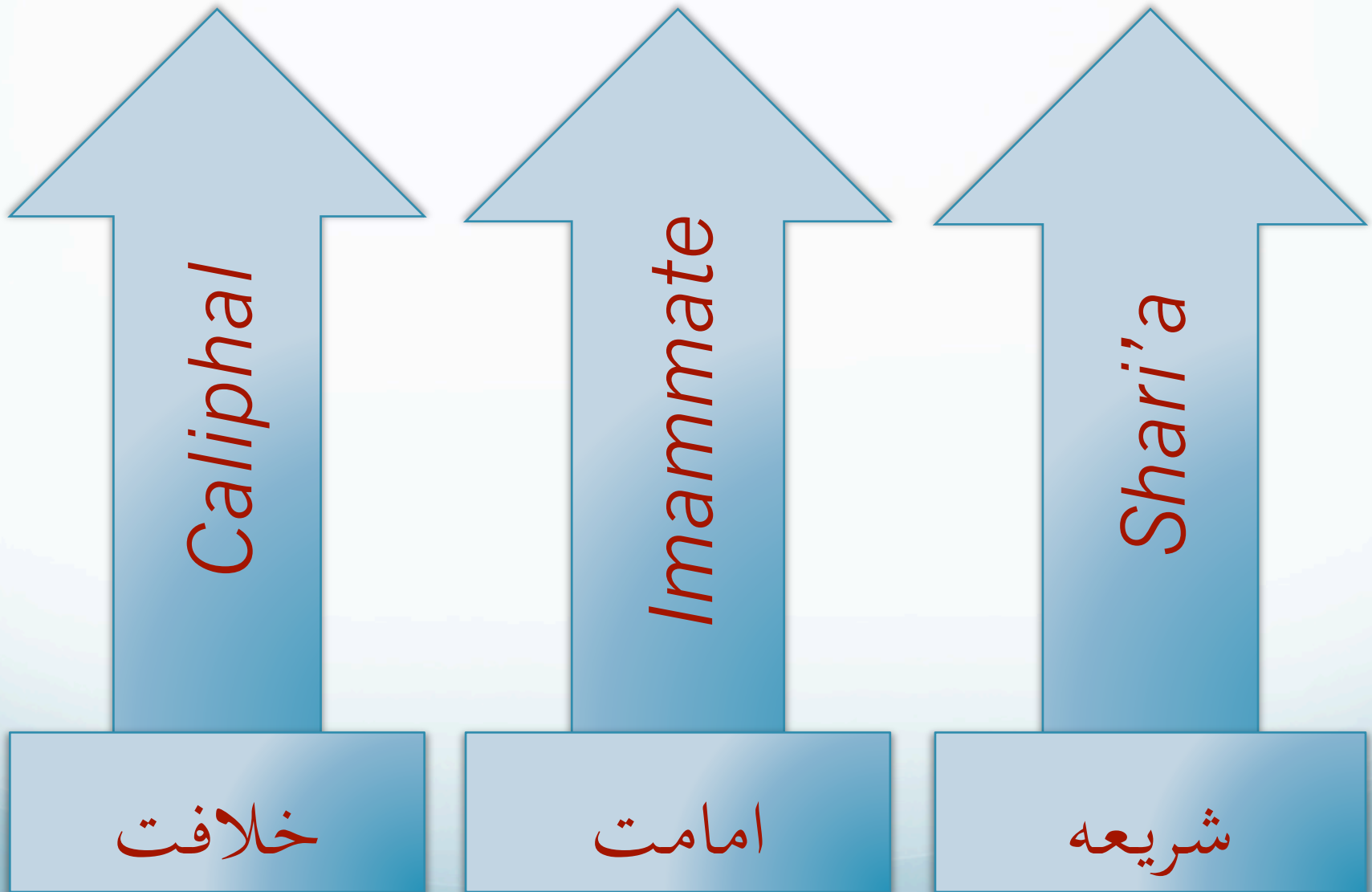
# Anthropocentric Model



# Theo-centric Model



# The Ascension pattern



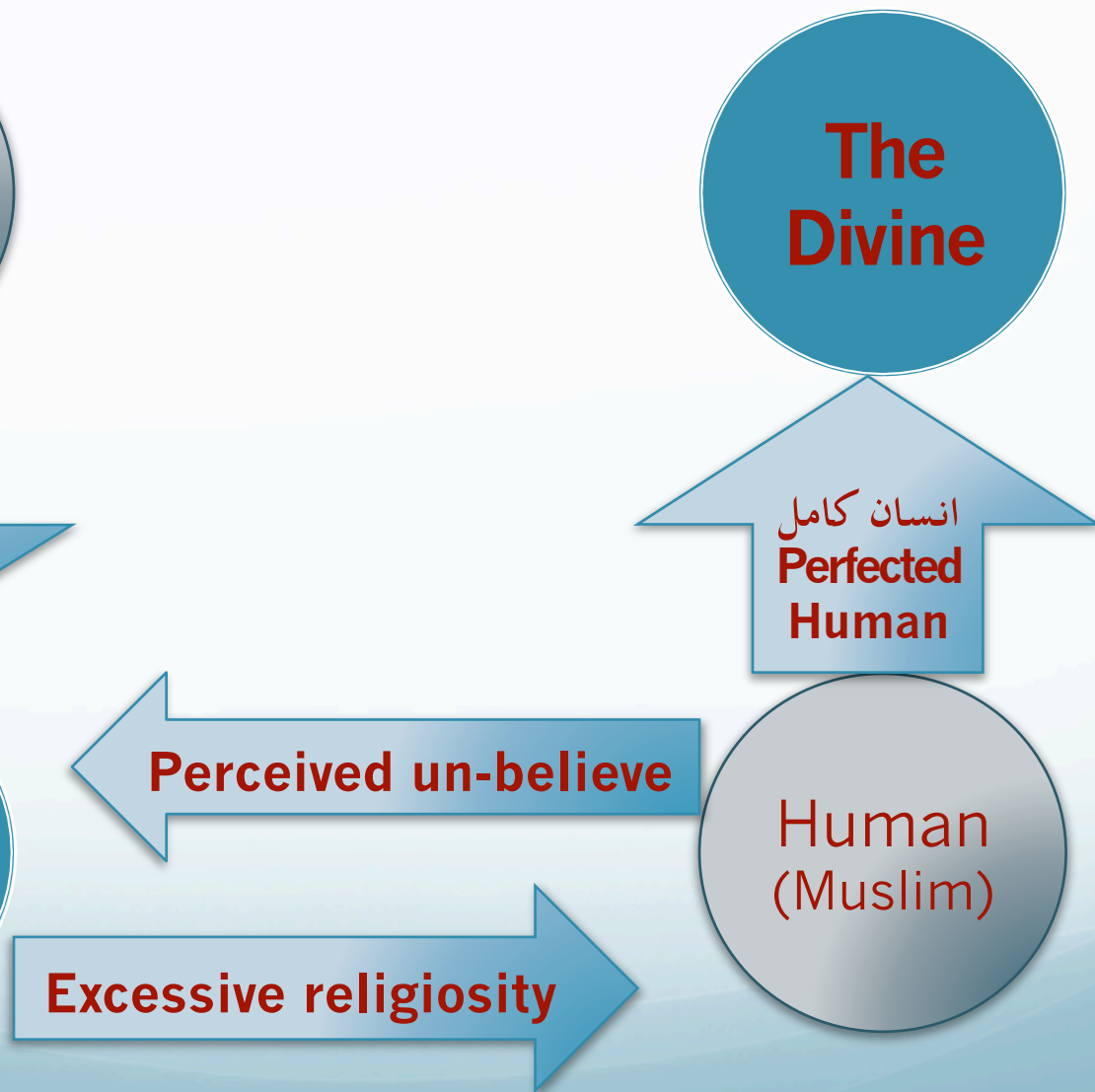
# Anthrocentric world view

*Weltanschauung*



# Theo-centric worldview

توحيد *Tawhid*



# Structural Divergence

Zaydis

Alawis

Ahmaddiyyahs

Bohras

Druze

Isma'ilis

Yazidis

# Layers of Islamic Identities

The Prophetic Period: Qur'an, *Sunna*, *Hadith*

Early Formative Period: the righteous caliphs, the false prophets and the great catastrophe

The Doctrinal Jurisprudential Period  
(Early Abbasid formation of *madhahib*)

Revivalism – religious, political, ideological  
(Colonial and post-colonial periods)

Stagnation cultural assimilation and sectarian  
divergence (early Abbasid to the present)